

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DCI - SACEUR Meeting

14 December 1982

CIA Headquarters Building

JCS review completed

The DCI met with General Rogers, SACEUR, 1000-1100 hrs., 14 December 1982. No formal agenda had been established, but briefing books containing information papers were provided in advance. The SACEUR expressed his appreciation for the material (for subjects, see Tab A).

The SACEUR's principal concern was the publication by DDI/EURA of an article [redacted]

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[redacted] The SACEUR expressed the view that the article was unbalanced principally because it gave the reader an impression of widespread European objections to a new operational strategy for Allied Command Europe (ACE). In fact, he asserted, the objections were more narrowly based, limited chiefly to a few individuals within NATO Headquarters and to persons who had been misled by inaccurate reports in the media. He also criticized the article for an association which he believed it drew between ACE operational strategy and the US Army doctrine of "Airland Battle." Such association, he insisted, implies an undesirable degree of US influence on ACE strategy and raises European suspicions of an American effort to sell high technology sensor and weapons systems to NATO allies. General Rogers added that he had directed his staff to prepare a critique of the article. Presumably, he will forward the critique to the DCI for his information and disposition.

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Other points discussed included [redacted]
[redacted] a SACEUR request for declassification of selected imagery for use in public information campaigns in Europe to raise the level of consciousness of the Warsaw Pact threat. General Rogers said that he had received replies only from the FRG and USA to his letters [redacted]

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With regard to the employment of US Special Forces, General Rogers stated that as Commander US EUCOM he might conceivably obtain unilateral approval through US channels for their insertion into denied areas in advance of hostilities, but that there was virtually no chance he would receive such authorization as SACEUR [redacted]

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General Rogers expressed disappointment at a DCI decision not to declassify the overhead imagery he had requested. He provided a copy of his original request for the imagery [REDACTED]

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The SACEUR made other brief remarks to the effect that:

- the wartime reliability of non-Soviet Warsaw Pact allies depends primarily "on how fast the FEBA moves" (i.e., how successful the Pact attack is against NATO).

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The SACEUR departed at 1115 hrs.

Attachments:

Tab A - Briefing Book,
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